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- ☐ 1. Three jet fighters, ready to take off, were beside the flight control station on 2 May 1950. * The plane's personnel were also there. There was no flying between 2 and 5 p.m. Some jet fighters on the eastern edge of the field were connected with a starting cart or a similar device. **

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- ☐ 2. About 30 jet fighters with swept-back wings and 20 conventional fighters were parked on the eastern edge of the field on 4 May 1950. ** Four jet fighters, without camouflage paint, were parked on the side of the flight control station on the southern edge of the field. * There was an E-W runway but no workshop. Some cranes were probably used for the assembly of power plants.
3. The sky was overcast and there was no flying at the field between 3 and 8 May 1950. Twenty-three jet fighters, including one with conventional wings, twenty-three single-engine fighters, one twin-engine plane and one biplane were seen at the field. ** All of the aircraft were covered with tarpaulins except for four jet fighters.
4. The jet fighters flew individually and in elements of two between 10 and 12 May 1950.
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- ☐ 5. Forty-six fighters with radial engine, sixteen swept-back jet fighters, three U-2 biplanes and twelve jet fighters with air exhaust under mid-fuselage stood at the field on 26 April 1950. *** The swept-back jet aircraft had the air intake and air exhaust apertures covered with red flaps. The air intake was only three fourths the size of the air exhaust. The weather was sunny and individual jet fighters with swept-back wings made flights. Passenger cars and trucks were seen at the field entrance gate.
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6. Only two jet fighters made local flights alternately within three hours on 10 May 1950. Ground personnel did maintenance work on all other jet fighters. Truck [] and tank truck [] were seen at the field.

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7. On 13 May 1950 about 20 conventional fighters and 26 jet fighters were seen at the field from a passing train. ** There was much flying with single-engine fighters with red propeller hub and jet fighters. Tank truck [] was standing near four silvery jet fighters on the southern edge of the field.

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- 25X1 * [] Comment: Jet planes ready to take off, very probably an alerted tactical formation, have been recently seen standing in front of the flight control station by other sources. Such alerted tactical formations were also seen at other airfields.

- 25X1 ** [] Comment: The sources agree on the occupation of the field by jet planes of type 14 and conventional fighters of LA-9 type. According to previous reports at least 30 jet planes of type 14 and about 30 LA-9s are stationed there. All planes are assigned to a fighter regiment subordinate to the Alt-Loennowitz fighter division. The report shows that the Dessau airfield, like other fighter fields, is occupied by a fighter regiment equipped with jet aircraft in excess to the T/E strength of fighters.

- 25X1 *** [] Comment: The correctness of the information on the presence of 12 jet aircraft of type 16 is doubted. According to previous observations each fighter regiment equipped with jet planes of type 14 has not more than one to three jet planes of type 16 for training purposes.

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